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MS. LINVILL: My name is Becky Linvill. I'm an environmental chemist with a BS degree from the University of California at Davis.

I have lived in Carson City for only one year. I plan to live here for the future.

1 I have lived in California, North Carolina, Arkansas, Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, and several more states. None of my friends or relatives knows about the potential of having nuclear waste transported on the interstates or highways across our country.

The general impression is that only Nevada will be affected by Yucca Mountain. This is outrageous that the public is not being informed about the transportation of the waste.]

2 Over Thanksgiving I just got back from driving up Highway 395 from San Diego where I was reminded that in the 1872 earthquake, the Owens valley, the entire valley dropped 20 feet. I'm highly concerned about trucks and trains being toppled by an earthquake and causing permanent radiation damage to the highways and rail lines and anything living in the vicinity.

This potential is extremely disturbing and could devastate entire cities, not only in Nevada but in other cities as well, California, our neighbor to mention.]

3 Lastly, I want to emphasize how worried I am about terrorist activity. Nuclear waste would be a prime target for terrorists, and it would be much easier for a terrorist to target nuclear waste moving on the highway or a railway than at the point of origin.]

4... For the safety of citizens in every state, where nuclear waste will be transported, I beg you to reconsider transporting nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain.

I beg all of you from the Department of Energy here to try and see if there are any other solutions besides the ones that are recommended in the EIS. Please do anything you personally can to reconsider all of the options, including maintaining the waste at the point of origin.

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In the long run, for the safety of our children and our grandchildren, it is my belief that it would be safer to keep the waste off the highways and railways in our country. Thank you.

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